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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to give my approval to the recent Microsoft-Department of Justice scutlement. Bill Gates succeeded in making his company the best and the brightest of his industry. Unfortunately, his success created jealousy among his peers. Unable to compete in the market place, they sought to cripple Microsoft in another way, through the court system. This lawsuit was a combined effort between the Department of Justice and the rivals of Microsoft.

Microsoft has accepted the dictates from the Department of Justice. Among other concessions, Microsoft has agreed to give computer makers new rights to configure Windows to better promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs within Windows; Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows with a mechanism making it easier to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows; and Microsoft has agreed to disclose various source codes that are internal to Windows' operating system products. This is far beyond what I believe any other firm would do.

I urge you to support the settlement reached by these two parties. It is time we put this behind us.

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